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N.I.A. 10th Meeting

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 51142  
New State Department Building  
on Thursday, 26 June 1947 at 10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Secretary of State George C. Marshall,  
in the Chair  
Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson  
Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal  
Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy  
Personal Representative of the President  
Rear Admiral R.H. Hillenkoetter,  
Director of Central Intelligence

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant Secretary of War Howard C. Petersen  
Under Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan  
Mr. William A. Eddy, Department of State  
Major General S.J. Chamberlin USA  
Rear Admiral Thomas B. Inglis USN  
Mr. Donald Edgar, Central Intelligence Group

SECRETARIAT

Mr. J. S. Earman, Secretary

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SECRETARY MARSHALL requested Admiral Hillenkoetter to explain the subject authority approved by the National Intelligence Authority at its last meeting.

ADMIRAL HILLENKOETTER, after a brief explanation, stated that at the present time the Director of Central Intelligence did not need this authority and he felt its rescission would create a better feeling with the member Intelligence Advisory Board agencies. However, he would be the first to request its reinstatement if ever needed.

(DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. OMITTED HERE BY JHM)

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After further discussion,

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:

Agreed to withdraw the following authority delegated to the Director of Central Intelligence "The Director of Central Intelligence shall operate within his jurisdiction as an agent of the Secretaries of State, War and the Navy, and the necessary authority is hereby delegated by the Secretaries of State, War and the Navy to the Director of Central Intelligence so that his decisions, orders and directives shall be considered as emanating from them and shall have full force and effect as such, provided any aggrieved agency may have access to that agency's Secretary and through him to the N.I.A."

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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

ADMIRAL HILLENKOETTER gave a brief resume of the following report:

(SECTIONS OF THE REPORT DEAL WITH OTHER MATTERS. OMITTED HERE BY JHM)

p. 11:

"CIG ~~COLLECTION~~ Collection"

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p. 11 (continued):

"In addition to coordinating agency facilities for collection, CIG maintains centrally, for the benefit of all, four operations.

"There is the Office of Special Operations

(Off the record remarks)

In the Office of Operations are the

1. Contact Branch
2. Documents Branch
3. Foreign Broadcasts Intelligence Branch

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(MATERIAL ON 2. AND 3. ABOVE OMITTED HERE BY JHM)

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"Collection and Dissemination Coordination

"In addition to the above active collection efforts and to field coordination, CIG is devoting much time to the coordination of the collection efforts of the agencies here in Washington through clearing house arrangements and central reading panels.

"Other Problems

"The continued absence of legislation continues to hamper the soundest development of CIG in several directions, both within and without the Government.